

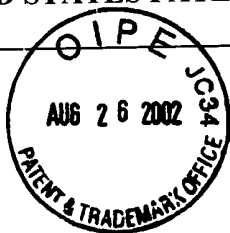
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 28, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 11 with the following:

A1 A plurality of ribs 41a and 41b are formed in the gear housing 3. The ribs 41a and 41b extend radially outwardly from the shaft supporting portion 28 (output shaft 27) along the outer surface of the base wall 38 of the wheel housing segment 3b. More particularly, as shown in FIGS. 1 and 3, a thick wall portion 42 is formed around the shaft supporting portion 28. The ribs 41a and 41b extend radially outwardly from an outer peripheral edge of the thick wall portion 42